

Elevated Living

There is More

- ❖ Living is more than breathing
 - The just and the unjust both breathe – Mat. 5:45
 - What did Jesus say – John 10:10
 - Life: zōē: life (literally or figuratively) Strong's Hebrew and Greek Dictionaries
 - abundantly: perissos: superabundant (in quantity) or superior (in quality) Strong's
- ❖ Having or desiring more in and of itself is not a sin
 - What do you want more of?
 - Why do you want more?
 - What are you willing to do with more?

Getting to more requires getting closer to God

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Our Main Passage for Review – 2 Pet. 1:1-15

Greeting

- ❖ Those Peter is addressing had come to like precious faith – vs. 1
 - Through the righteousness of God
 - Through our Saviour Jesus Christ
- ❖ Vs. 2: Spoke they receive multiplied grace and peace through the knowledge of God and Jesus our Lord
 - The increase comes through the knowledge of God and Christ – Col. 1:9-14; 2 Pet. 3:18; Hos. 4:6; Mat. 6:33; Phil. :10

God Has Provided

- ❖ Vs. 3: We have been given all things pertaining to life and godliness –
 - Given to us by His Divine Power – 1 Pet. 1:5
 - Note God's order: Life then Godliness
 - Why is godliness so important? 1 Tim. 4:8
 - We have been called to glory and virtue –

The Reason for More

- ❖ God's more is not for your glory but His – Eph. 3:20; 1 Tim. 1:17; Psa. 115:1; Rev. 4:11
 - The Glory of His Presence changes people and things – 2 Chr. 5:13-14
 - God is glorified in our bearing much fruit – John 15:8
 - We are called out to show the way in – 1 Pet. 2:9-12; Mat. 5:16

- ❖ God desires to use us to establish His covenant – Deut. 8:18

- ❖ More is not cheap and will cost you - Luke 12:48 (KJV & MSG)
 - Want to be used by God, will cost you more: James 1:2-8;
 - More time in study, prayer, meditation – 2 Tim. 3:16-17;
 - More fasting in secret – Mat. 6:18; Ezra 8:23; Acts 13:2-3

- ❖ The more you go through is typically indicative of the more capacity you have for God to do great things in and through you
 - Paul – His Grace is sufficient – 2 Cor. 12:3-9
 - Thorn brought by enemy because of potential
 - Many of us never get pass the thorn to manifest the glory to God
 - Grace is enough
 - Joseph – Gen. 50:20

- ❖ We must learn to appreciate the process that leads to more
 - It's not the before, but the after – 1 Pet. 5:9-11

- ❖ Those who endure the process obtain the faith and character to handle more – 2 Pet. 1:1-11
 - There are no shortcuts
 - Can fake words but can't fake power – Acts 19:11-19

Living In Sync with God

- ❖ We were created to be in sync with God – Gen. 2:19-3:11; Gal. 5:25

- ❖ When we are out of alignment
 - Jer. 22:13-14; Acts 5:33-42; 1 Cor. 1:28

 - We are out of order
 - In worship – 1 Cor. 14:26-40
 - In tongues – 1 Cor. 14:26-28

- ❖ Alignment often requires refinement.
 - Stop leaning on yourself - Pro. 3:5-8
 - Identify and eliminate distractions – Heb. 12:1
 - Admit and submit – Psa. 32:1-5; Psa. 40:8
 - Accept His Plan – Mat. 6:10
 - Be open – Psa. 143:10
 - Let the Word of God be your plumb line – Amos 7:7-8

- ❖ Being in sync with God means:
 - I am in sync with Him being God alone – Exo. 20:3-5
 - I am in sync with His Will – Luke 22:42; 1 Thes. 5:18; John 7:17
 - I am in sync with His Spirit – Gal. 5:16-26
 - I am in sync with His Message – 1 Pet. 4:6; John 3:16; Mat. 5:16
 - I am in sync with and in His Church – Acts 20:28; Col. 1:18; Mat. 18:19
 - I am in sync with His Desires – Psa. 37:4; Psa. 145:19
 - His values are my values – Mat. 6:10-11
 - I am in sync with His Promises – 2 Cor. 7:1

- ❖ Being in sync pays off:
 - Enoch – Gen 5:21-24
 - Fulfilled plans – Psa. 20:4; 21:1-7
 - Favor and Success – Pro. 16:7; Psa. 147:10-11; 1 Thes. 4:1
 - Peace – Pro. 16:7

Whose Life is In You?

- ❖ Are you living unto God by faith? Gal. 2:15-21
 - The old me is crucified with Christ
 - Nevertheless I live
 - Yet not I, but Christ lives in me
 - Changes how I now live in the flesh
 - I live by the faith of the Son of God
 - I live by Jesus love
 - I live because of Jesus sacrifice
 - I don't frustrate the grace of God
 - Righteousness does not come by the law, but by Christ
 - Otherwise, Christ died in vain
 - Do you want to be a law man or a God man? – Gal. 2:19 (MSG)

- ❖ We are called to a life of liberty in Christ – Gal. 5:1-6
- ❖ We are free to:
 - Access God – 2 Cor. 3:12-18 (vs. 17-18 in MSG), Eph. 3:12; Heb 10:19-25
 - Live un-condemned – Rom. 8:1-6
 - Serve
 - Fellowship
 - Enjoy life
 - Witness